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## **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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### **SECTION 1. CHEMICAL IDENTIFICATION**

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CATALOG #: 27174

NAME: Benzoic acid methyl ester

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### **SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

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#### **CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE**

**GHS CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**  
FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS (CATEGORY 4), H227  
ACUTE TOXICITY, ORAL (CATEGORY 4), H302  
ACUTE AQUATIC TOXICITY (CATEGORY 3), H402  
CHRONIC AQUATIC TOXICITY (CATEGORY 3), H412

FOR THE FULL TEXT OF THE H-STATEMENTS MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION, SEE SECTION 16.

**GHS LABEL ELEMENTS, INCLUDING PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS  
PICTOGRAM**



SIGNAL WORD                      WARNING

**HAZARD STATEMENT(S)**

H227                      COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID.  
H302                      HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.  
H412                      HARMFUL TO AQUATIC LIFE WITH LONG LASTING  
EFFECTS.

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT(S)**

P210                      KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT/SPARKS/OPEN FLAMES/HOT  
SURFACES. - NO SMOKING.  
P264                      WASH SKIN THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING.  
P270                      DO NOT EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE WHEN USING THIS  
PRODUCT.  
P273                      AVOID RELEASE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.  
P280                      WEAR PROTECTIVE GLOVES/ EYE PROTECTION/ FACE  
PROTECTION.  
P301 + P312 + P330      IF SWALLOWED: CALL A POISON CENTER OR DOCTOR/  
PHYSICIAN IF YOU FEEL UNWELL. RINSE MOUTH.  
P370 + P378              IN CASE OF FIRE: USE DRY SAND, DRY CHEMICAL OR  
ALCOHOL-RESISTANT FOAM FOR EXTINCTION.  
P403 + P235              STORE IN A WELL-VENTILATED PLACE. KEEP COOL.  
P501                      DISPOSE OF CONTENTS/ CONTAINER TO AN APPROVED  
WASTE DISPOSAL PLANT.

**HAZARDS NOT  
OTHERWISE  
CLASSIFIED (HNOC)  
OR NOT COVERED  
BY GHS**                      NONE

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**SECTION 3.    COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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MF:                              C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
MW:                              136.15  
CAS-NO.                      93-58-3  
PURITY:                      ≥ 98.5% (GC)

**HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS**

COMPONENT	CLASSIFICATION	CONCENTRATION
METHYL BENZOATE		

	FLAM. LIQ. 4; ACUTE TOX. 4; AQUATIC ACUTE 3; AQUATIC CHRONIC 3; H227, H302, H412	<= 100 %
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## SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

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### DESCRIPTION OF FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>GENERAL ADVICE</b>	CONSULT A PHYSICIAN. SHOW THIS SAFETY DATA SHEET TO THE DOCTOR IN ATTENDANCE.MOVE OUT OF DANGEROUS AREA.
<b>IF INHALED</b>	IF BREATHED IN, MOVE PERSON INTO FRESH AIR. IF NOT BREATHING, GIVE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION. CONSULT A PHYSICIAN.
<b>IN CASE OF SKIN CONTACT</b>	WASH OFF WITH SOAP AND PLENTY OF WATER. CONSULT A PHYSICIAN.
<b>IN CASE OF EYE CONTACT</b>	RINSE THOROUGHLY WITH PLENTY OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES AND CONSULT A PHYSICIAN.
<b>IF SWALLOWED</b>	DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. NEVER GIVE ANYTHING BY MOUTH TO AN UNCONSCIOUS PERSON. RINSE MOUTH WITH WATER. CONSULT A PHYSICIAN.
<b>MOST IMPORTANT SYMPTOMS AND EFFECTS, BOTH ACUTE AND DELAYED</b>	THE MOST IMPORTANT KNOWN SYMPTOMS AND EFFECTS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE LABELLING (SEE SECTION 2.2) AND/OR IN SECTION 11
<b>INDICATION OF ANY IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT NEEDED</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE

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## SECTION 5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA

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### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

<b>SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA</b>	USE WATER SPRAY, ALCOHOL-RESISTANT FOAM, DRY CHEMICAL OR CARBON DIOXIDE.
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<b>SPECIAL HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE</b>	CARBON OXIDES
<b>ADVICE FOR FIREFIGHTERS</b>	WEAR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR FIREFIGHTING IF NECESSARY.
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	USE WATER SPRAY TO COOL UNOPENED CONTAINERS.

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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<b>PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES</b>	USE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. AVOID BREATHING VAPOURS, MIST OR GAS. ENSURE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. REMOVE ALL SOURCES OF IGNITION. BEWARE OF VAPOURS ACCUMULATING TO FORM EXPLOSIVE CONCENTRATIONS. VAPOURS CAN ACCUMULATE IN LOW AREAS. FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION SEE SECTION 8.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS</b>	PREVENT FURTHER LEAKAGE OR SPILLAGE IF SAFE TO DO SO. DO NOT LET PRODUCT ENTER DRAINS. DISCHARGE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE AVOIDED.
<b>METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR CONTAINMENT AND CLEANING UP</b>	CONTAIN SPILLAGE, AND THEN COLLECT WITH AN ELECTRICALLY PROTECTED VACUUM CLEANER OR BY WET-BRUSHING AND PLACE IN CONTAINER FOR DISPOSAL ACCORDING TO LOCAL REGULATIONS (SEE SECTION 13). KEEP IN SUITABLE, CLOSED CONTAINERS FOR DISPOSAL.
<b>REFERENCE TO OTHER SECTIONS</b>	FOR DISPOSAL SEE SECTION 13.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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<b>PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING</b>	AVOID CONTACT WITH SKIN AND EYES. AVOID INHALATION OF VAPOUR OR MIST. KEEP AWAY FROM SOURCES OF IGNITION - NO SMOKING. TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE BUILD UP OF ELECTROSTATIC CHARGE. FOR PRECAUTIONS SEE SECTION 2.2.
<b>CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE, INCLUDING ANY INCOMPATIBILITIES</b>	KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED IN A DRY AND WELL-VENTILATED PLACE. STORAGE CLASS (TRGS 510): COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

**SPECIFIC END USE(S)**

APART FROM THE USES MENTIONED IN SECTION 1.2  
NO OTHER SPECIFIC USES ARE STIPULATED

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**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**CONTROL PARAMETERS****COMPONENTS WITH  
WORKPLACE CONTROL  
PARAMETERS**

CONTAINS NO SUBSTANCES WITH OCCUPATIONAL  
EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES.

**EXPOSURE CONTROLS****APPROPRIATE  
ENGINEERING  
CONTROLS**

HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOOD INDUSTRIAL  
HYGIENE AND SAFETY PRACTICE. WASH HANDS  
BEFORE BREAKS AND AT THE END OF WORKDAY.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT****EYE/FACE PROTECTION**

FACE SHIELD AND SAFETY GLASSES USE EQUIPMENT  
FOR EYE PROTECTION TESTED AND APPROVED UNDER  
APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT STANDARDS SUCH AS  
NIOSH (US) OR EN 166(EU).

**SKIN PROTECTION**

HANDLE WITH GLOVES. GLOVES MUST BE INSPECTED  
PRIOR TO USE. USE PROPER GLOVE REMOVAL  
TECHNIQUE (WITHOUT TOUCHING GLOVE'S OUTER  
SURFACE) TO AVOID SKIN CONTACT WITH THIS  
PRODUCT. DISPOSE OF CONTAMINATED GLOVES AFTER  
USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND  
GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICES. WASH AND DRY  
HANDS.

**SPLASH CONTACT**

MATERIAL: NITRILE RUBBER

MINIMUM LAYER THICKNESS: 0.4 MM

BREAK THROUGH TIME: 60 MIN

MATERIAL TESTED: CAMATRIL (KCL 730, SIZE M)

IF USED IN SOLUTION, OR MIXED WITH OTHER  
SUBSTANCES, AND UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH DIFFER  
FROM EN 374, CONTACT THE SUPPLIER OF THE CE  
APPROVED GLOVES. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS  
ADVISORY ONLY AND MUST BE EVALUATED BY AN  
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST AND SAFETY OFFICER  
FAMILIAR WITH THE SPECIFIC SITUATION OF  
ANTICIPATED USE BY OUR CUSTOMERS. IT SHOULD  
NOT BE CONSTRUED AS OFFERING AN APPROVAL FOR  
ANY SPECIFIC USE SCENARIO.

<b>BODY PROTECTION</b>	COMPLETE SUIT PROTECTING AGAINST CHEMICALS, THE TYPE OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MUST BE SELECTED ACCORDING TO THE CONCENTRATION AND AMOUNT OF THE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE AT THE SPECIFIC WORKPLACE.
<b>RESPIRATORY PROTECTION</b>	WHERE RISK ASSESSMENT SHOWS AIR-PURIFYING RESPIRATORS ARE APPROPRIATE USE A FULL-FACE RESPIRATOR WITH MULTI- PURPOSE COMBINATION (US) OR TYPE ABEK (EN 14387) RESPIRATOR CARTRIDGES AS A BACKUP TO ENGINEERING CONTROLS. IF THE RESPIRATOR IS THE SOLE MEANS OF PROTECTION, USE A FULL-FACE SUPPLIED AIR RESPIRATOR. USE RESPIRATORS AND COMPONENTS TESTED AND APPROVED UNDER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT STANDARDS SUCH AS NIOSH (US) OR CEN (EU).
<b>CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE</b>	PREVENT FURTHER LEAKAGE OR SPILLAGE IF SAFE TO DO SO. DO NOT LET PRODUCT ENTER DRAINS. DISCHARGE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE AVOIDED.

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## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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### **INFORMATION ON BASIC PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

APPEARANCE	Clear liquid
ODOUR	NO DATA AVAILABLE
ODOUR THRESHOLD	NO DATA AVAILABLE
PH	NO DATA AVAILABLE
MELTING POINT/FREEZING POINT	
INITIAL BOILING POINT AND BOILING RANGE	
FLASH POINT	
EVAPORATION RATE	NO DATA AVAILABLE
FLAMMABILITY (SOLID, GAS)	NO DATA AVAILABLE
UPPER/LOWER FLAMMABILITY OR EXPLOSIVE LIMITS	NO DATA AVAILABLE
VAPOUR PRESSURE	NO DATA AVAILABLE
VAPOUR DENSITY	4.7 - (AIR = 1.0)
RELATIVE DENSITY	
WATER SOLUBILITY	NO DATA AVAILABLE
PARTITION COEFFICIENT: N- OCTANOL/WATER	LOG POW: 2.1
AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE	NO DATA AVAILABLE
DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE	NO DATA AVAILABLE

VISCOSITY	NO DATA AVAILABLE
EXPLOSIVE PROPERTIES	NO DATA AVAILABLE
OXIDIZING PROPERTIES	NO DATA AVAILABLE

**OTHER SAFETY INFORMATION**

RELATIVE VAPOUR DENSITY	4.7 - (AIR = 1.0)
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**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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<b>REACTIVITY</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>CHEMICAL STABILITY</b>	STABLE UNDER RECOMMENDED STORAGE CONDITIONS.
<b>POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>CONDITIONS TO AVOID</b>	HEAT, FLAMES AND SPARKS.
<b>INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS</b>	STRONG OXIDIZING AGENTS, STRONG BASES
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS</b>	OTHER DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS - NO DATA AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF FIRE: SEE SECTION 5

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**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**INFORMATION ON TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS**

<b>ACUTE TOXICITY</b>	LD50 ORAL - RAT - 1,177 MG/KG REMARKS: BEHAVIORAL:CHANGE IN MOTOR ACTIVITY (SPECIFIC ASSAY). DIARRHOEA SKIN AND APPENDAGES: OTHER: HAIR. INHALATION: NO DATA AVAILABLE DERMAL: NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION</b>	SKIN - RABBIT RESULT: MILD SKIN IRRITATION - 24 H
<b>SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/EYE IRRITATION</b>	EYES - RABBIT RESULT: MILD EYE IRRITATION - 24 H
<b>RESPIRATORY OR SKIN SENSITISATION</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE

<b>GERM CELL MUTAGENICITY</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>CARCINOGENICITY</b>	
IARC:	NO COMPONENT OF THIS PRODUCT PRESENT AT LEVELS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.1% IS IDENTIFIED AS PROBABLE, POSSIBLE OR CONFIRMED HUMAN CARCINOGEN BY IARC.
ACGIH:	NO COMPONENT OF THIS PRODUCT PRESENT AT LEVELS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.1% IS IDENTIFIED AS A CARCINOGEN OR POTENTIAL CARCINOGEN BY ACGIH.
NTP:	NO COMPONENT OF THIS PRODUCT PRESENT AT LEVELS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.1% IS IDENTIFIED AS A KNOWN OR ANTICIPATED CARCINOGEN BY NTP.
OSHA:	NO COMPONENT OF THIS PRODUCT PRESENT AT LEVELS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.1% IS IDENTIFIED AS A CARCINOGEN OR POTENTIAL CARCINOGEN BY OSHA.
<b>REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY - SINGLE EXPOSURE</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY - REPEATED EXPOSURE</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>ASPIRATION HAZARD</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	RTECS: DH3850000 TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL, AND TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES HAVE NOT BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED.

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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<b>TOXICITY</b>	
TOXICITY TO FISH	LC50 - DANIO RERIO (ZEBRA FISH) - 23 MG/L - 96 H
TOXICITY TO DAPHNIA AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	EC50 - DAPHNIA MAGNA (WATER FLEA) - 62.6 MG/L - 24 H
<b>PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY</b>	BIODEGRADABILITY



<b>BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>MOBILITY IN SOIL</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE
<b>RESULTS OF PBT AND VPVB ASSESSMENT</b>	PBT/VPVB ASSESSMENT NOT AVAILABLE AS CHEMICAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT NOT REQUIRED/NOT CONDUCTED
<b>OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS</b>	AN ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD CANNOT BE EXCLUDED IN THE EVENT OF UNPROFESSIONAL HANDLING OR DISPOSAL. HARMFUL TO AQUATIC LIFE.

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**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**WASTE TREATMENT METHODS**

<b>PRODUCT</b>	THIS COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL MAY BE BURNED IN A CHEMICAL INCINERATOR EQUIPPED WITH AN AFTERBURNER AND SCRUBBER. OFFER SURPLUS AND NON-RECYCLABLE SOLUTIONS TO A LICENSED DISPOSAL COMPANY.
<b>CONTAMINATED PACKAGING</b>	DISPOSE OF AS UNUSED PRODUCT.

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**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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<b>DOT (US)</b>	
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID, N.O.S.(Benzoic acid methyl ester)
NA-NUMBER:	1993
CLASS:	NONE
PACKING GROUP:	III
REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ):	
POISON INHALATION HAZARD:	NO
<b>IMDG</b>	
NOT DANGEROUS GOODS	
<b>IATA</b>	
NOT DANGEROUS GOODS	

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**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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<b>302 COMPONENTS</b>	NO CHEMICALS IN THIS MATERIAL ARE SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SARA TITLE III, SECTION 302.	
<b>SARA 313 COMPONENTS</b>	THIS MATERIAL DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY CHEMICAL COMPONENTS WITH KNOWN CAS NUMBERS THAT EXCEED THE THRESHOLD (DEMINIMIS) REPORTING LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY SARA TITLE III, SECTION 313.	
<b>SARA 311/312 HAZARDS</b>	FIRE HAZARD, ACUTE HEALTH HAZARD	
<b>MASSACHUSETTS RIGHT TO KNOW COMPONENTS</b>	NO COMPONENTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT.	
<b>PENNSYLVANIA RIGHT TO KNOW COMPONENTS</b>	CAS-NO.	REVISION DATE
Benzoic acid methyl ester	93-58-3	8/2/2010
<b>NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO KNOW COMPONENTS</b>	CAS-NO.	REVISION DATE
Benzoic acid methyl ester	93-58-3	8/2/2010
<b>CALIFORNIA PROP. 65 COMPONENTS</b>	THIS PRODUCT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY CHEMICALS KNOWN TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER, BIRTH DEFECTS, OR ANY OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM.	

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**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**FULL TEXT OF H-STATEMENTS REFERRED TO UNDER SECTIONS 2 AND 3.**

ACUTE TOX.	ACUTE TOXICITY
AQUATIC ACUTE	ACUTE AQUATIC TOXICITY
AQUATIC CHRONIC	CHRONIC AQUATIC TOXICITY
FLAM. LIQ.	FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS
H227	COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID.
H302	HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.

**HMIS RATING**

HEALTH HAZARD:	1
CHRONIC HEALTH HAZARD:	
FLAMMABILITY:	2
PHYSICAL HAZARD	0

**NFPA RATING**

HEALTH HAZARD:	1
FIRE HAZARD:	2

REACTIVITY HAZARD: 0

MSDS LEGEND

MW: MOLECULAR WEIGHT  
MF: MOLECULAR FORMULA  
VOC: VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS  
ACGIH: AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTAL INDUSTRIAL  
HYGINISTS  
CAS: CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERIVE REGISTRY NUMBER  
OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
PEL: PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMIT (OSHA)  
TLV: THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE (ACGIH)

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